

What is claimed is:

1. A film dispenser for dispensing individual strips of film comprising:

(a) a main housing with an integrally attached hinged lid, wherein the housing and lid are one injection molded part that interfaces with a body and, when the lid is closed, the lid creates a moisture tight seal with the main housing, the lid having a flexible arm attached to an underside of the lid, an opening in a topside of the main housing where a portion of the opening acts as a hinge point for the flexible arm, and, when the lid is opened, the arm assists in dispensing the film out of the package;

(b) the body that is attached to the main housing to form a moisture tight seal with the main housing; and

(c) an indexing finger composed of an elastomer and attached to the underside of the hinged lid, the finger interacts with the flexible arm to dispense the individual strips.

2. The film dispenser of claim 1 wherein the body is an injection molded part that is made by two shot molding.

3. The film dispenser of claim 2 wherein at least a portion of the housing is composed of a desiccant plastic.

4. The film dispenser of claim 3 wherein the desiccant plastic is shaped in the form of a ramp or slope so that the film strip is forced up and out of the package when being indexed.

5. The film dispenser of claim 1 wherein a child resistant feature is incorporated into the dispenser.

6. A method of indexing individual strips of film comprising the steps of:

closing a lid of a film dispenser that results in pushing a flexible arm, which is located on an underside of the lid, through a "T" shaped opening in a housing and past a hinging point in the opening;

raising the lid that results in the flexible arm being pulled forward as the arm is prevented from moving upwards by the hinging point and, as such, the flexible arm rides in a channel of the "T" shaped opening; and

contacting the film strip with the arm so that an individual film strip, which is on top of a stack of film strips in the housing, is dispensed with the flexible arm.

7. A film dispenser for dispensing individual strips of film comprising:

an injection molded flip-top main housing comprising a main housing with an integrally attached hinged lid

a tractor guide that has a base with caterpillar tractor guides attached, the tractor guide is attached to an interior portion of the lid of the main housing;

a magazine with a drive assembly, the magazine holds a supply of continuous film strips;

5 a drive roller integral with the magazine whereby sprockets of the drive roller are assembled into the tractor guide caterpillars and assists in dispensing the strips; and
a support roller integral with the magazine.

8. A method of indexing individual strips of film comprising the steps of:
opening a lid of a film dispenser that causes a tractor guide, which is attached to an
10 interior portion of the lid, to rotate upward;
rotating drive roller sprockets as a result of the tractor guide being displaced by the lid motion;

indexing the strip out of the dispenser as the driver roller rotates, whereby the continuous edible film is positioned between the drive and support rollers;

15 closing the lid that results in the individual film being cut by a knife-like feature on the underside of the lid and resulting in a forming a moisture-tight seal between the lid and a housing of the dispenser.

9. The method of indexing individual strips of claim 8 whereby, during lid closing, the tractor guide returns to a home position whereby the tractor guide ride over the drive
20 roller sprockets and the drive roller rotates in one -direction so that the sprocket does not engage the tractor guide and cause the sprocket to rotate during lid closing.

10. The dispenser of claim 7 whereby the supply of continuous film strips is a continuous bandoleer.

11. The dispenser of claim 10 whereby the bandolier is composed of 2-pieces of
25 plastic film that are die cut and welded together to form pockets that each piece of film is placed.